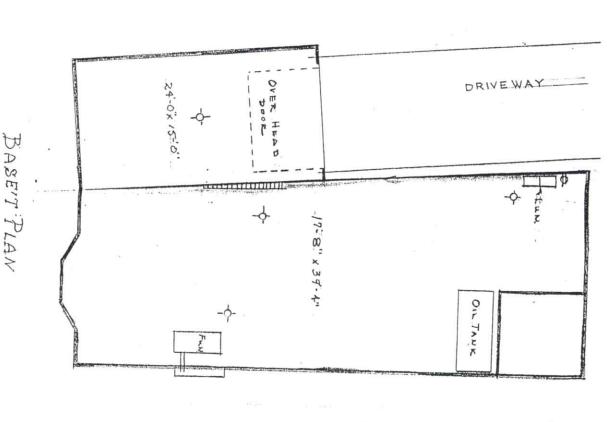
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WEST BARRACKS PHYSICAL INVENTORY REPORT

BUILDING INVENTORY

BUILDING NUMBER:

Buildings 635, 641, 642, 643, 644, 664, 665

Garages 602, 673, 676

NAME:

Non-Commissioned Officers' Duplexes

PLAN TYPE:

Two story brick duplexes, rectangular structures

with extending sunrooms. Type A has gable roof

and Type B has hip roof

PREVIOUS BUILDING NUMBERS:

635 was 408 type B

641 was 401 type B

642 was 402 type A

643 was 403 type B 644 was 404 type A

664 was 405 type A

665 was 407 type B

QUARTERMASTER PLAN NUMBER:

QMC Form 117 lists the Plan numbers as 625-3571

for Type A with gable roof and 625-3572 for Type

B with hip roof

BUILDING CHRONOLOGY:

1939

Seven duplexes completed. Type A costs \$19,409.38 and Type B costs \$19, 073.08 Duplexes were equipped with coal-fired hot water heat, electric domestic hot water, 4-burner electric stoves, 5.4 cubic foot refrigerators. High-quality construction featured brick exterior, slate roofs, hardwood floors, tile baths.

1939

Building 635 Penfield 20-gallon gas hot water heaters installed

1940

Building 642 painting

1952

Buildings 664 and 643 moved because of Interstate-5 construction. New

foundations are built for these buildings with full basements.

Building numbers 602, 676, 673, multi-car garages built for duplexes.

SIGNIFICANT FEATURES

EXTERIOR ELEMENTS SENSITIVE TO ALTERATION

- -Rectangular form
- -Bilateral symmetry
- -Hipped and gable roofs
- -Brick chimneys
- -Brick construction
- -Multi-light windows with brick lintels
- -Boxed cornices; architrave molding
- -Fanlights
- -Column pilasters and entablatures on vestibules
- -Slate roofs

EXTERIOR ELEMENTS LESS SENSITIVE TO ALTERATION

none

INTERIOR ELEMENTS SENSITIVE TO ALTERATION

- -Window and door trim where original
- -Lighting fixtures in period
- -Hardwood floors
- -Fireplace

- -Stairwell woodwork elements
- -Doors, molding

INTERIOR ELEMENTS LESS SENSITIVE TO ALTERATION

- -Replacement kitchen fixtures
- -Replacement bathroom fixtures

OVERALL INTEGRITY

The NCO duplexes retain remarkable integrity on the exterior and the interior. Kitchens and bathrooms have had some replacement of fixtures, cabinets, and surfaces, but little else has been changed.

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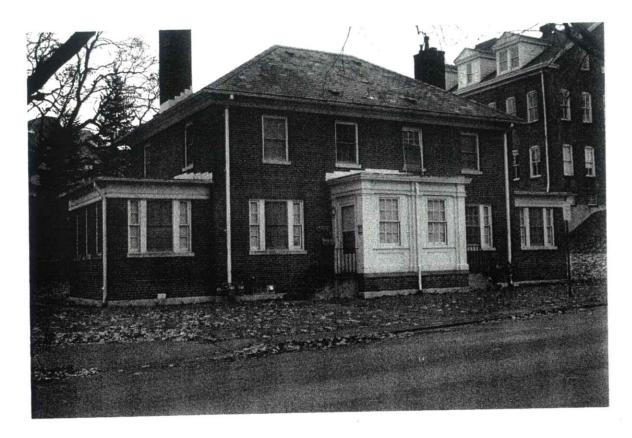


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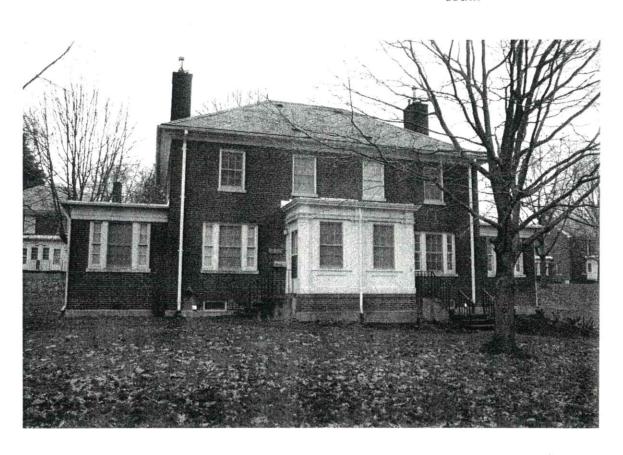
Figure 640-2 Building 641, faces north





Figure 640-3 Building 642, faces north

Figure 640-4 Building 643, faces south



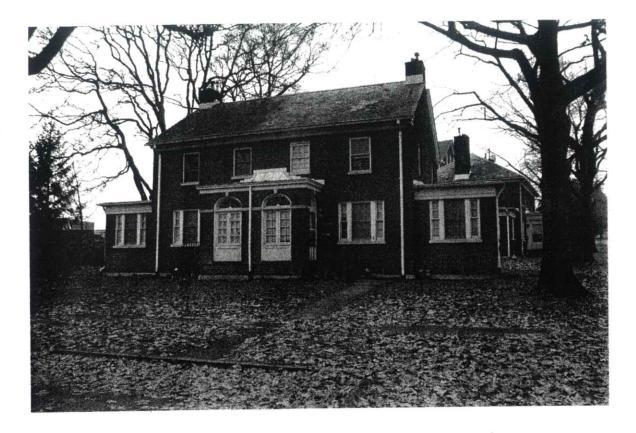


Figure 640-5 Building 644, faces east

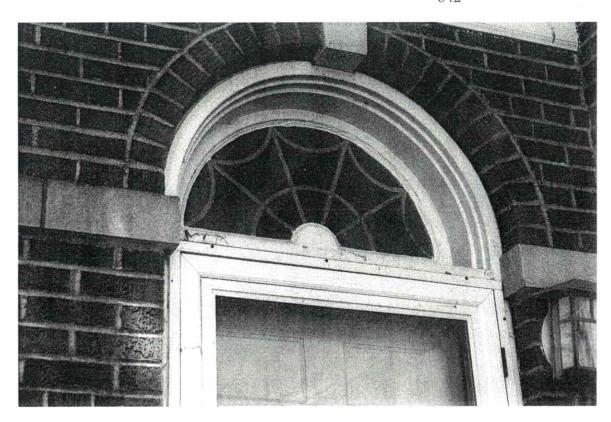
Figure 640-6 Building 664, faces south





Figure 640-7 Building 665, faces north

Figure 640-8 Detail, entry fanlight, building 642



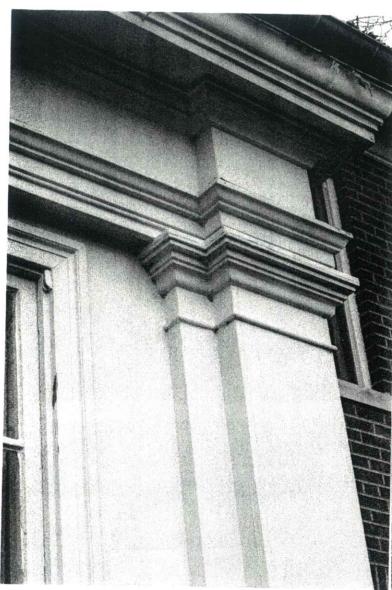


Figure 640-9 Detail, entry millwork, building 642

Figure 640-10 Detail, masonry at first-floor window, building 665



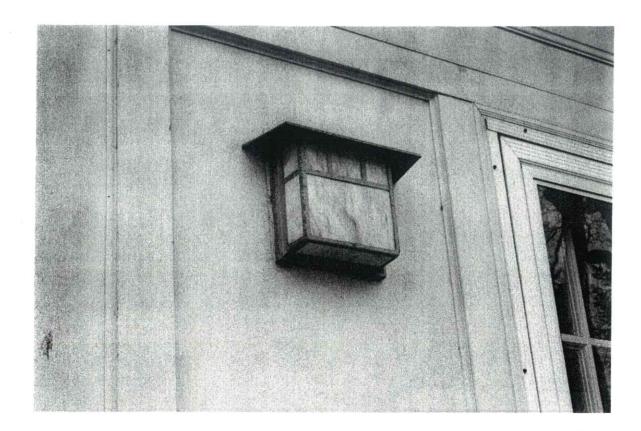


Figure 640-11 Detail, exterior light, building 635

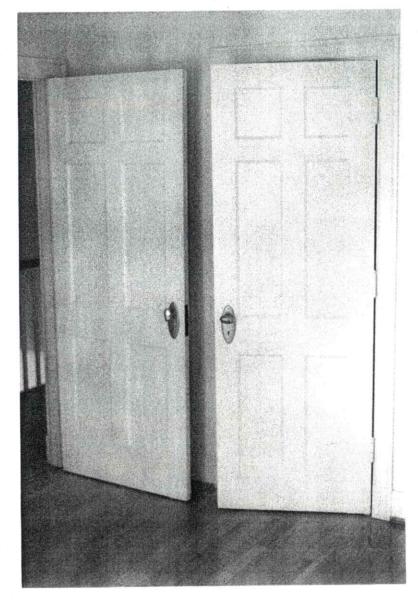
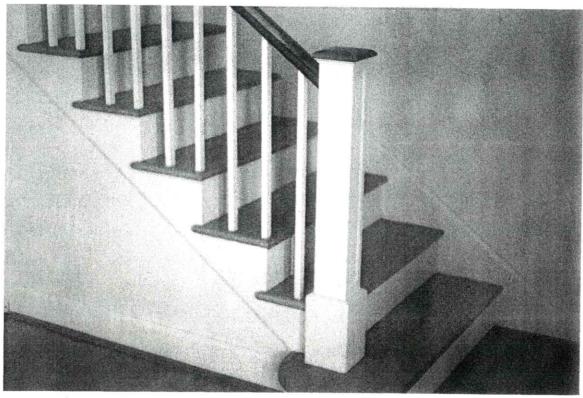


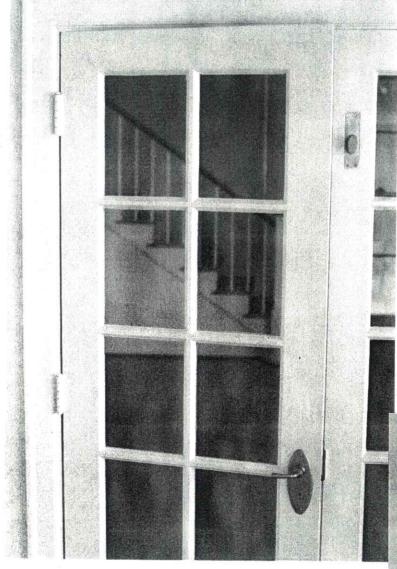
Figure 640-12 Interior 6-panel doors, building 664



Figure 640-13 Interior, radiator, building 664

Figure 640-14 Interior, stairs, building 664





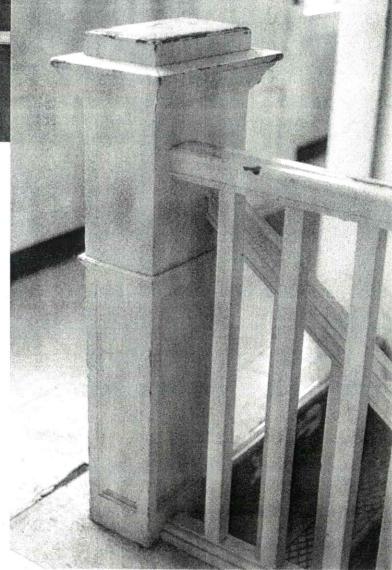
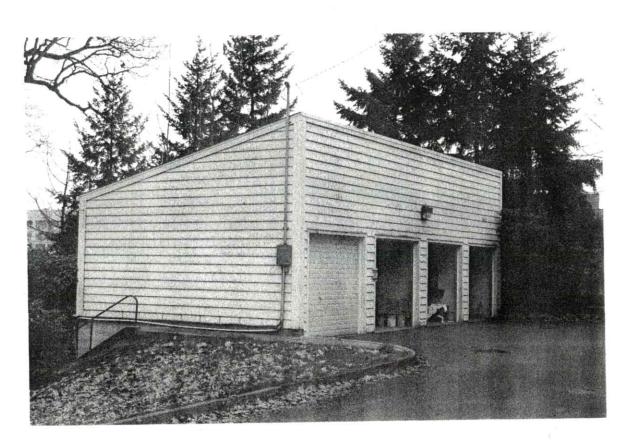


Figure 640-16 Interior, newel post, building 664



Figure 640-17 Interior lockset, building 664

Figure 640-18 Building 602, Garage



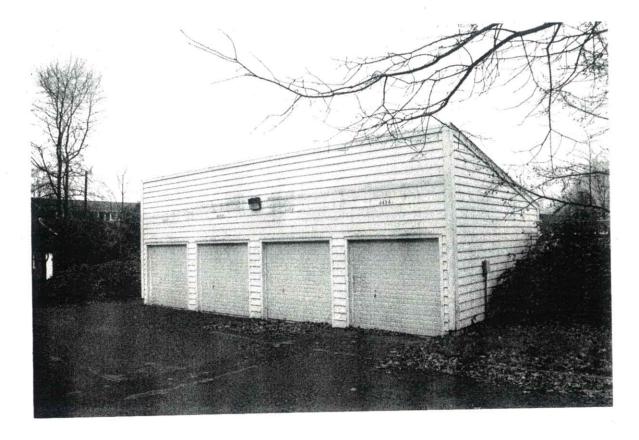
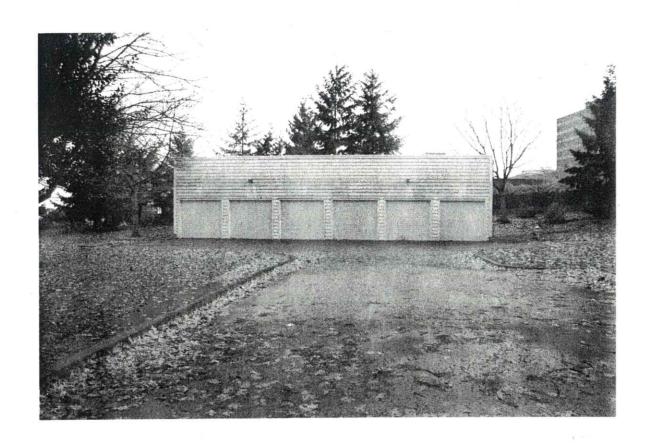


Figure 640-19 Building 673 Garage

Figure 640-20 Building 676 Garage



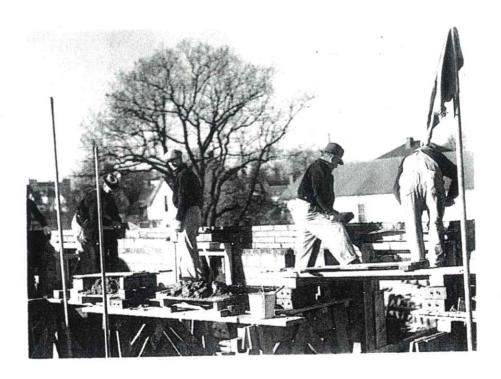
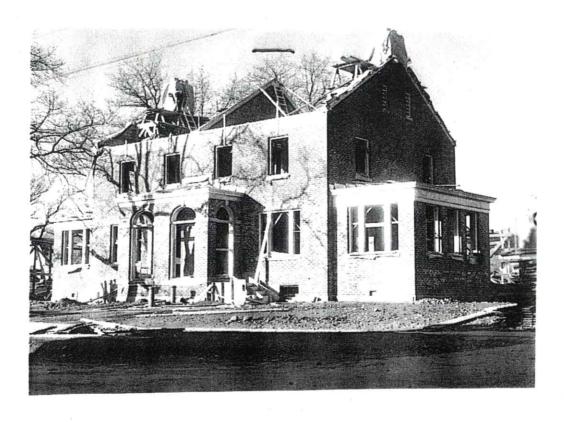


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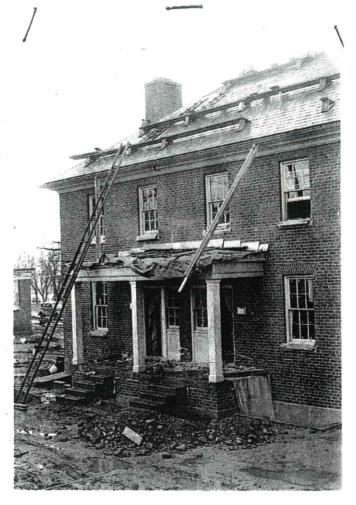
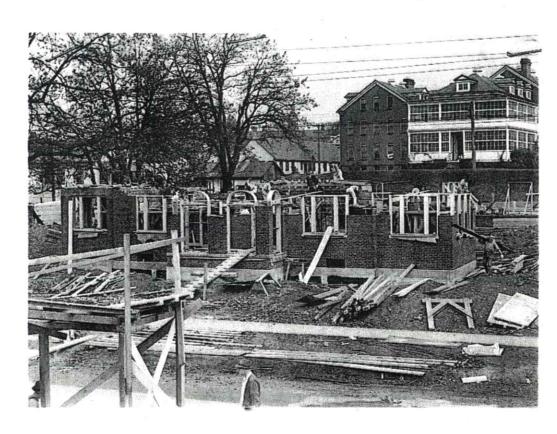


Figure 640-23 Back porch and basement entry

Figure 640-24 Forms for window openings



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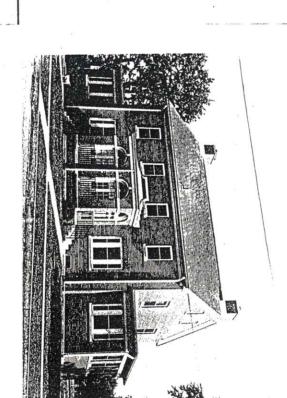
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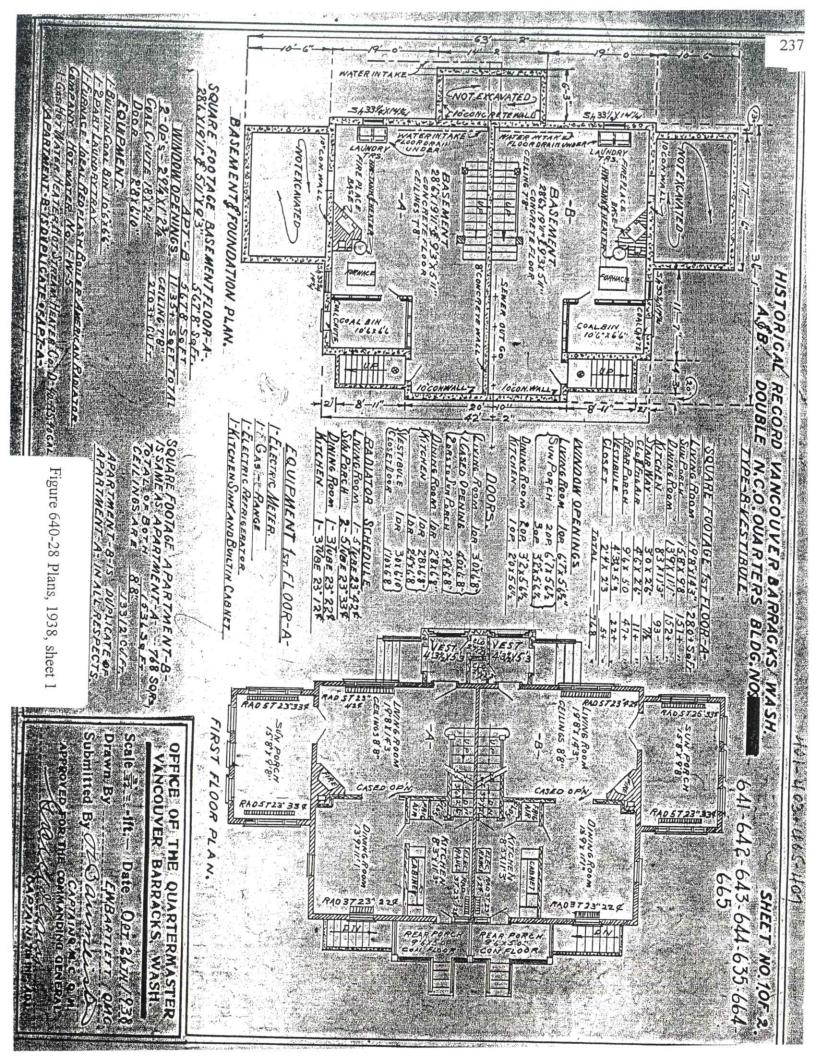
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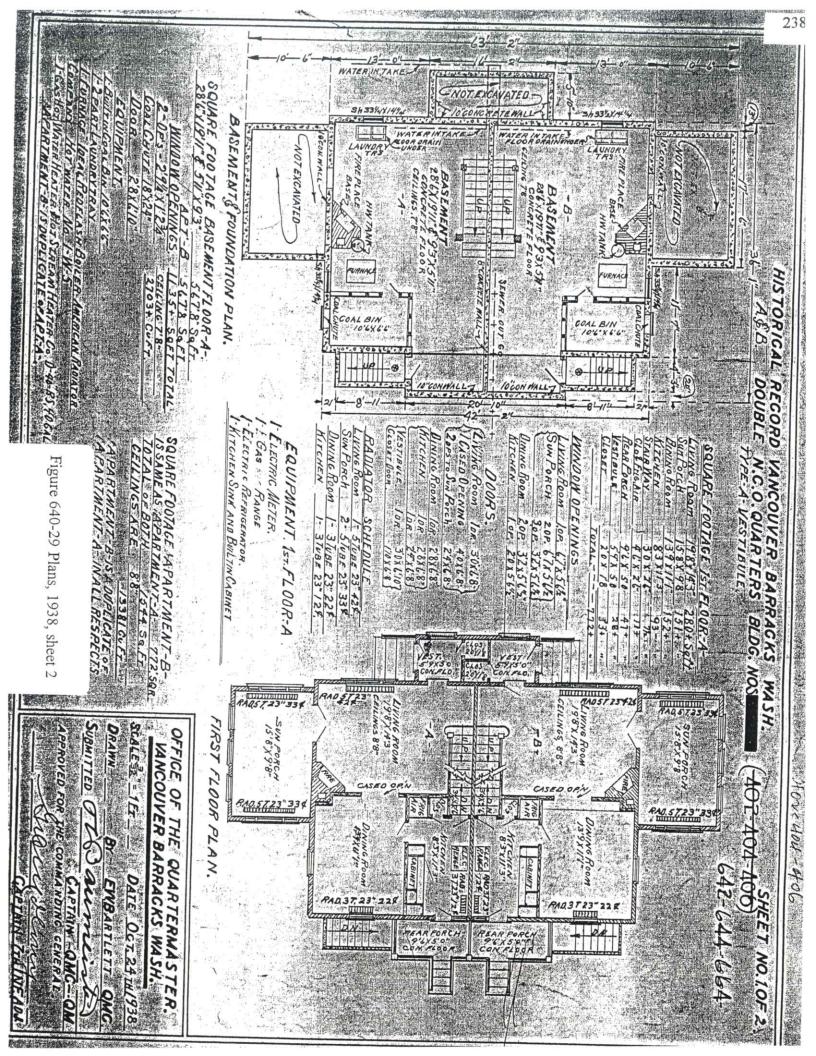
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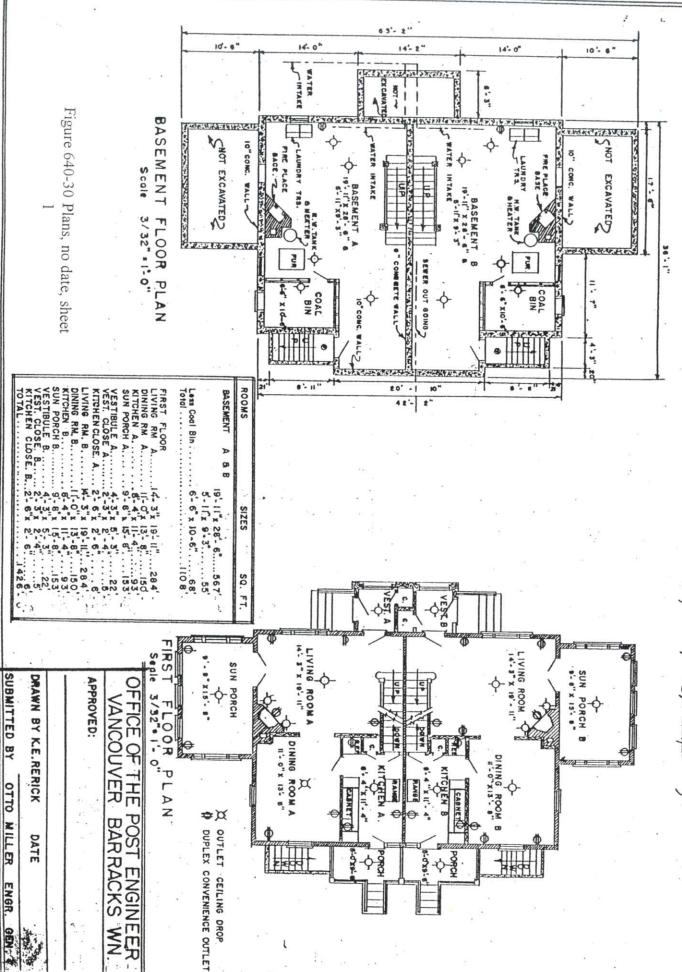




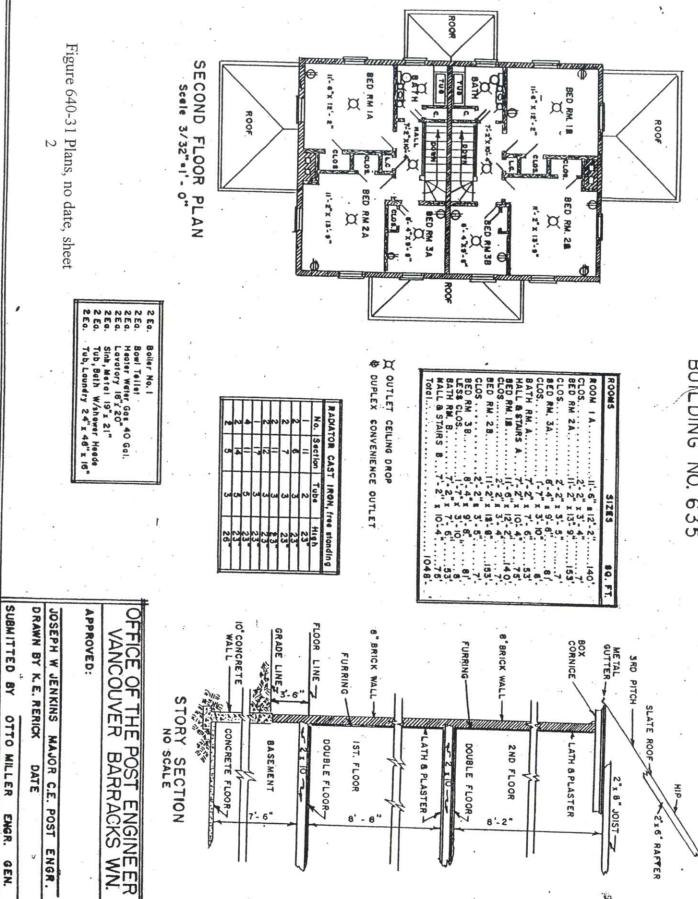


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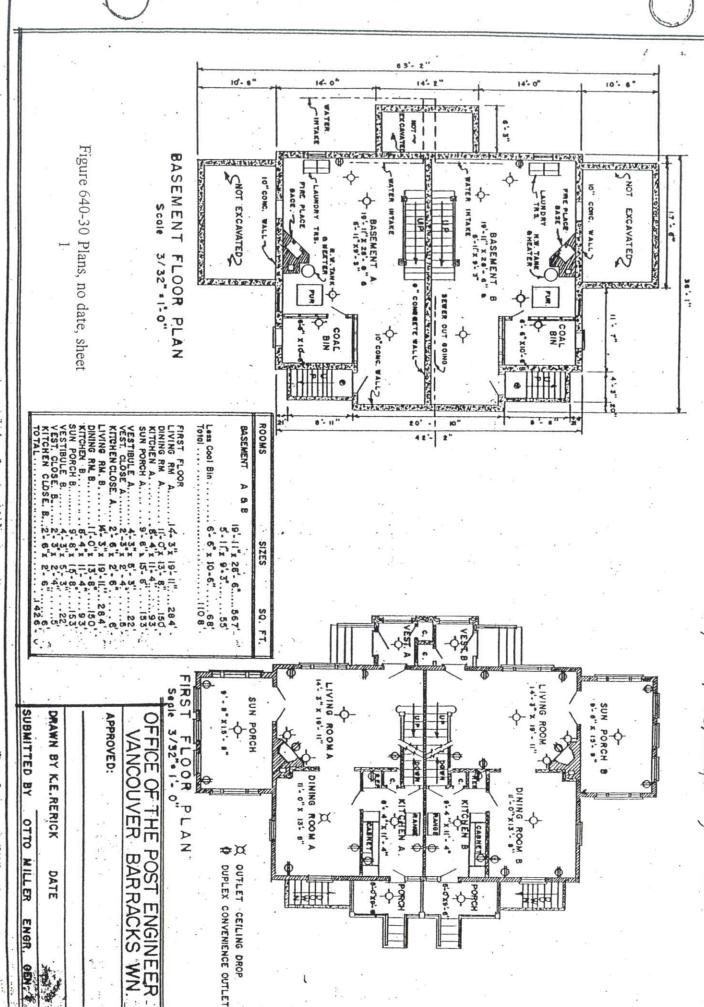






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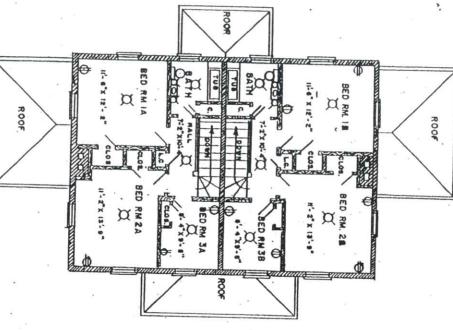
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National Archives (Washington DC)

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National Archives (College Park, MD)

This satellite of the NARA maintains materials after WW II. In addition, maps, plans, and architectural drawings are maintained in a separate collection, as are photographs

National Archives and Records Administration, Seattle

This satellite of the NARA maintains materials from the Spruce Production Division in excellent order. Some materials from the Civilian Conservation Corps are also available.

Vancouver Barracks Building Department (Vancouver)

Files of maintenance reports are available for all major buildings. These include floor plans

Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust (Vancouver)

Materials available at this excellent facility include an extensive file or original historic photos, documents copied from the National Archives, and other primary documents.

Oregon Historical Society Library (Portland)

Photo archives include images of Vancouver troops in Portland, and other activities at Vancouver Barracks.

US Army, Fort Lawton (Seattle)

Materials available here include historic photos, maps, and some documents relating to military administration at the Barracks.

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APPENDIX A: TEXT OF KRISTIN BARON'S PHYSICAL HISTORY REPORTS ON BUILDINGS 607, 614, 636, and 638

In 1998, Kristin Barton prepared physical history reports on the four major West Barracks buildings. This appendix reproduces the text portion of that report. The complete report, with photos and plans, is on file at the Fort Vancouver National Historic Reserve.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS PHYSICAL HISTORY REPORT BUILDING INVENTORY

BUILDING NUMBER:

Building 607

NAME:

Infantry Barracks, Barnes Street

USE:

historic use as barracks; contemporary use as office

PLAN TYPE:

two-story, rectangular wood-frame barracks building in a simple Italianate/Greek Revival style

PREVIOUS BLDG NUMBERS:

designated Building 34 on a 1884 map

designated Building 29 on maps from 1905 to 1939

OUARTERMASTER PLAN NUMBER:

plan number unknown

BUILDING CHRONOLOGY:

- 1887 Infantry Barracks constructed for \$5159.20 to house 48 men.
- 1905 Quartermaster Form 173A, dated March 1905, describes building as having wood-frame walls, brick pier foundations, shingle roof, wood floors, stove heat and electricity. Installed 2 laundry bibs.
- 1908 Installed 3 doors, 12 window screens and 52 window shades.
- 1910 Installed water heater, water tank, shower and bath.
- 1913 Installed additional electric lights in basement; removed partitions on 1st floor; installed 6 steel wall lockers.
- 1917 Removed 2nd story exterior porch and railing; constructed roof over1stfloor porch.
- 1936 Construction Completion Report for Vancouver Barracks, dated 1936, states:
 - 1. General Statement: The repairing of Building Number Twenty-Nine, Vancouver Barracks, Washington, was made possible through use of funds allotted this station under the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1935 and the annual allotment of funds for Repairs to Barracks and Quarters. Work was started December 15, 1935

and was completed February 8, 1936 at an approximate cost of \$600.00 for labor and \$250.00 for material. Types of labor used included, W.P.A., Civ-Emp., QMC and soldier

2. Description of Work:

- a. The old foundation of this structure was torn out and a new basement with concrete floor and walls was installed. Installation of new sills and other necessary carpentry completed the work in the basement of the structure.
- b. New wiring and fixtures were installed in the building and the old meter was replaced by a type H.C., 3 wire, 25 Amp. Sangamo Meter.
- c. The plumbers repaired and replaced fixtures that were worn out, including: 6 water closets, 2 shower heads, 1 urinal and I drinking fountain. A new 4" drain was lain to the main sewer line.
- d. A civilian plaster was employed to patch and plaster a portion of the interior of the building.
- The interior walls, ceilings and woodwork were completely repainted and redecorated.
- f. Carpenters made necessary minor repairs to doors, windows, and floors to complete the work on this barrack.
- 1938 Installed new heating plant, cost \$2423.25; installed 33 assorted radiators, cost \$846.12; installed boiler heating system, Ideal 93 Red Flash; installed 1 McDonnel & Miller water regulator; removed 2 lavatories; installed new chimney; plastering, plumbing and carpentry repair.
- 1939 Floor plan showing typical barracks room layout; 1st floor contains the open squad rooms and day rooms; 2nd floor room is completely open. The basement shows a carpenter shop, a gun room and a furnace room.
 - Installed Ideal Hot Water heater.
- 1939 Building converted into office use.
- 1952 Floor plan showing 1st floor partition walls now constructed on either side of staircase and 2nd floor partition walls now constructed on both ends of Squad room. In the basement, some rooms have been removed and the gun room has been converted in a coal bin.
- 1952 Installed fire escapes on east elevation of building.

1955 Removed partition walls and installed security cages in basement.

CHARACTER-DEFINING/SIGNIFICANT FEATURES

EXTERIOR: HIGHLY SENSITIVE TO ALTERATION

- -building form, shape and massing; long rectangular 2 story building
- -roof shape and elements; gable roof, wooden roof vent with louvered sides and pitched roof; short chimney stack; metal roof vent
- -exterior surfaces; horizontal drop siding; triangular louvered vents at north and south gable ends
- -fenestration pattern; 4/4 double-hung windows; 4-light transom over front door; 6-light and 9-light fixed windows at foundation level
- -moldings; simple door and window surrounds
- -doors; 5-panel exterior door; 4-light, I-panel basement door; sliding elevation door on south elevation
- -porches; porch on west elevation; thin chamfered posts; shed roof; cross-beam railing; back porch on east elevation with supporting posts and roof; porch wood flooring
- -foundation elements; lattice foundation skirting; brick foundation

- -metal fire escapes at east elevation
- -door opening on east elevation that was modified from an original window opening
- -gray composition roof shingles
- -down spouts and gutters
- -non-historic doors on north elevation; 2 deteriorated historic doors on south elevation; 3-panel doors on west elevation
- -wood-frame porch steps on west elevation; east elevation porch entry steps

- -non-historic light fixtures
- -security grates over windows at foundation level

INTERIOR: HIGHLY SENSITIVE TO ALTERATION:

- -floor plan; original floor plan intact with very few modifications; north end of 1st floor room is very intact; partition walls on second floor may not be original but are historic
- -original volume and proportion of rooms
- -original ceiling height
- -stairs; original stair location and configuration with some replacement pieces; metal banisters; stair treads
- -moldings; chair rails; picture rails; simple window and door casing
- -.interior finishes; rough plaster walls; vertical beaded wood siding; basement has exposed wood paneling and brick foundation walls
- -interior doors and windows; 5-panel & 4-panel doors; 15-light window in room divider
- -unique fixtures or appliances; sinks and soap dishes in lst floor men's room; cast iron wash sinks; metal radiators

- -painted 2-light windows
- -suspended fluorescent lights
- -later partition wall on 1st floor between room B and C
- -linoleum flooring
- -1-light, hollow replacement doors
- -basement caged rooms, metal sliding door behind hot-water and interior window bars

OVERALL ARCHITECTURAL:

Building 607 retains a very high level of integrity, which is a nice surprise, given the fact that the building is over 100 years old. The building appears to have been used as barracks at least until 1939 so the large open squad rooms were kept open for sleeping quarters. The Army did not subdivided the open spaces to accommodate new uses, as was often the case, and even the few partition walls that do exist are fairly insignificant and do not detract from the building's integrity.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

The building's exterior needs repair and attention. The building should be repainted, the gutters and wooden staircases should be replaced and the overgrown vegetation should be addressed.

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Van Arsdol, Ted; Northwest Bastion: The US Army Barracks at Vancouver. 1849 -1916

VANCOUVER BARRACKS PHYSICAL HISTORY REPORT BUILDING INVENTORY

BUILDING NUMBER:

Building 614

NAME:

Vancouver Barracks Hospital, Barnes Street

USE:

historic and contemporary use as a army hospital

PLAN TYPE:

large two-and-one-half story brick Colonial Revival

building with flanking glazed porches and a rear

addition at the south end

PREVIOUS BLDG NUMBER:

designated Building 93 on a 1904 map

QUARTERMASTER PLAN NUMBER:

plan number unknown

BUILDING CHRONOLOGY:

1903-1904 Hospital constructed for \$95,337.55 with capacity for 48 beds.

- 1905 Quartermaster Form 173A, dated March 1905, describes building as having brick walls, stone foundation, slate roof, wood floors, hot water heat and electricity.
- 1905 Remodeled operating room, cost S 918.00; installed 2 electric radiators.
- 1907 Placed baseboard in hospital, cost \$ 935.00.
- 1910 Installed 39 wall lockers.
- 1913 Construction of disinfecting chamber; installed gas fixtures.
- 1916 Installed electric lights in laboratory.
- 1930s The south end porches are enclosed with glass and wood siding.
- 1931 Installed urinals.
- 1932 Upgraded equipment in lavatories
- 1935 Installed new steam heating plant, cost \$4168.29; installed urinals, sinks and drain boards; installed 70 window shades; electrical light fixtures.
- 1936 Construction Completion Report for Vancouver Barracks, dated 1936, states:

Description of Work: The open porch on the north side of this structure was enclosed with windows to provide additional space for hospitalizing patients. One hundred and forty-eight windows and three entrance doors were installed and all new work was painted to complete this project. Total cost \$1,200.00. Completed in May 28, 1936.

General Hospital Repairs; installed new sills under 2 corners of porches; paint all tin roofing with red lead and paint; paint all outside woodwork and decks of porches; paint remainder of outside including brick; repair plaster in small areas; lay concrete floor under kitchen steps; repairs to underpinning. Total cost \$990.84. Completed October 13, 1936.

Installed 80 window shades, installed light fixtures and lavatories.

1938 Construction Completion Report for Vancouver Barracks, dated 1938, states:

Description of Work: The repair of the heating systems and wiring and the painting of the interior and exterior of the station hospital. Work performed by "ER" W.P.A. Labor. Total cost \$5,676.51. Completed in June 24, 1938.

1939 Construction Completion Report for Vancouver Barracks, dated 1939, states:

Alterations to Hospital (Left Wing Basement) and (Furnace room Layout) consisted of

The work was divided into two separate contracts. The first to be completed was construction of a new coal bin and the installation of a new hand fired steam boiler with complete equipment. A steam hot water converter was installed for furnishing heat to the building, and a new hot water generator provided for furnishing hot water throughout the building. Capacity of boiler -- 26 B.H.P.

The second contract covered the construction of ten rooms and two corridors in space formerly used as a storeroom. These rooms comprised examination and treatment rooms, sick call room, pharmacy, patients' effects room, toilets and prophylactics room, and covered approximately 1,880 sq. ft.

- 1942 Installed urinals and light fixtures.
- 1951 Painted interior of building.
- 1952 Rear building annex was moved to south end of main building to accommodate the construction of Interstate -5. Connecting walkway was probably demolished.
- 1964 Painted exterior of building.

19-- Slate roof shingles removed and replaced with red composition roof shingles.

CHARACTER-DEFINING/SIGNIFICANT FEATURES

EXTERIOR: HIGHLY SENSITIVE TO ALTERATION:

- -building form, shape and massing; main rectangular building with two flanking enclosed sun porches
- -roof shape and elements; gable roof with end returns; windowed dormers with classical pediment top; horizontal wood siding; 6/6 double-hung windows and 4-light paired casement windows; corbelled top chimneys; metal roof vent
- -exterior surfaces; common bond brick; vertical wood siding; louvered vents under windows
- -fenestration pattern; main building has 2/2 double-hung windows; concrete sills, arched brick lintels; side porches have 16/6 light glazing with sliding middle panes; annex at south elevation has 6-light transom over door
- -doors; front door at east elevation is l-light, 2-panel door with early hardware; north elevation of porch has 1-light, 3-panel doors; west elevation has 4-light, 2-panel door with 6-light transom
- -porches; enclosed sun porches with thin chamfered wooden posts with base and column; metal pipe railings; front porch has spiral pipe banister; concrete stairs; tongue-and-groove wood flooring; shed roof
- -foundation elements; wood and iron mesh foundation skirt; rock-faced limestone block;

- -location of building annex on south elevation
- -red composition roof shingles
- -modifications to the 1st and 2nd floor of the west elevation of the main building, showing the removal. of the building annex; wood stairs at south end of west elevation

- -building annex features; bricked-in windows on south elevation; concrete and brick work at building's foundation level; 9-light, 2-panel exterior door; exterior concrete stairs and railings at south elevation; wood and metal staircase at west elevation;
- -non-historic light fixtures
- -metal security grates at foundation level

INTERIOR: HIGHLY SENSITIVE TO ALTERATION:

- -floor plan; original floor plan very much intact; some unique rooms include the morgue and operating rooms in basement; wood-paneled storage room in attic
- -original volume and proportions of rooms
- -original ceiling height
- -stairs; wooden stairs with simple wooden balusters and trim
- -moldings; simple baseboard; picture railings; simple window sill in basement; wide chair rail in attic; no interior trim, only deep reveals around interior of windows
- -interior finishes; plaster walls; decorative pressed tin ceilings; tongue-and-groove sun porch flooring; ceramic hexagonal tiles in front entrance; hardwood floors; black and white ceramic tiles in ladies room; basement contains wood flooring; black and white ceramic tiles in operating rooms; exposed brick and concrete walls; attic rooms contains horizontal wood paneling; interior walls of enclosed sun porches are the original exterior brick walls
- -interior doors and windows; 5-panel doors with 3-light transom; 1-light, 2-panel doors; 6-light transom over paired doors
- -unique fixtures or appliances; decorative metal radiators; decorative metal fireplace grates; 2nd floor ladies room contains wooden stalls, bathroom sinks and utilitarian wash sinks

LESS SENSITIVE TO ALTERATION:

-wooden basement stairs

- -linoleum flooring
- -4-light glass block basement door
- -fire doors and partition walls at all stairways constructed for life safety reasons
- -sliding metal fire door in attic
- -suspended fluorescent lights; suspended school dome lights

OVERALL ARCHITECTURAL:

Building 614 retains a very high level of integrity and still feels very much like an early 20th century army hospital. Very few partition walls have been constructed over time, so the original floor plan, with its wide hallways designed for gurney access, is still intact. The floor plan is very attractive and will adapt well to a new compatible use because of its combination of large open assembly rooms, wide hallways and smaller, functional offices. Even the building's significant modifications, like the porch enclosure, the life safety enclosures of the stairs and the relocation of the west annex, have not impacted the building's overall integrity.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

The building's interior appears to be in very good shape, with no visible signs of mildew or water damage. However, the exterior needs some immediate attention. The porch at the south end is sagging in the middle, vegetation is growing in the brick chimneys and most of the gutters are in poor condition, especially at the northwest corner of the building where there is extensive moss growth.

The surrounding landscape should also be addressed as most of the vegetation is overgrown and its proximity to the exterior surface may also be adding to the building's deterioration. The full scale holly trees, now out of scale with the building, were probably originally planted to frame the front entrance.

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VANCOUVER BARRACKS PHYSICAL HISTORY REPORT BUILDING INVENTORY

BUILDING NUMBER:

Building 636

NAME:

Red Cross Building/ Service Club, Hathaway Road

USE:

historic use as a Red Cross Hospitality house and contemporary use as an enlisted soldiers' Service Club

PLAN TYPE:

two story, rectangular wood-frame Colonial Revival building with cross-axial gable roof and rear wing

PREVIOUS BLDG NUMBER:

designated Building 179 on a undated map

QUARTERMASTER PLAN NUMBER: N/A; probably not a QM designed-building

BUILDING CHRONOLOGY:

1918-1919 Red Cross Convalescent House constructed for \$24,442.00.

1919

Quartermaster Form 173A, dated June 1919, describes building as having frameand cement walls, concrete foundation, shingle roof, wood and cement floors, steam heat and electricity.

1934

Building designation changed from Convalescent or Hospitality House to Service Club.

1930s

Building modifications suggest a change from a residential type-use to a social hall-type function. Exterior porch on west elevation enclosed with glazing and horizontal wood siding; the original exterior porch door openings are now converted into arched entrances; public bathrooms installed and partition wall constructed in hallway to screen bathrooms; kitchen and adjacent screen porch constructed on east elevation. 2nd floor modifications include administration offices and library converted from bedrooms; store rooms converted into projection room and wall openings created for showing movies. In the basement, kitchen and service rooms were installed, as well as a large social hall immediately below the 1st floor auditorium.

1936

Installed Ideal Steam Furnace no. S-28-6, American Radiator Company; installed 1 meter, 4 radiators, 2 electric light fixtures; painted interior and exterior.

1938	Removed 1 Duncan-type meter.
1945	Cupola on roof removed; rostrum in the auditorium removed and partition walls added in the basement social hall.
1949	Chimney work.

CHARACTER-DEFINING/SIGNIFICANT FEATURES

EXTERIOR: HIGHLY SENSITIVE TO ALTERATION:

- -building form, shape and massing; cross-axial plan
- -roof shape and elements; gable roof with end returns
- -exterior surfaces; stucco over wood-frame; wood drop siding at porch enclosure
- -fenestration pattern; 6/6 double-hung windows; 4-light transom over front door; elliptical louvered vent at east and west gable ends; 3-light foundation windows; porch glazing are pairs of 6-light casement with 6-light transoms
- -moldings; simple, flat window sills
- -doors; 8-light porch doors at west elevation
- -porches; front portico at north elevation; wood columns, Doric capitals; triangular pedimented roof; porch at south elevation; wooden stairs and lattice skirting
- -stairs; front porch wooden staircase; concrete basement stairs and metal railings at south elevation
- -foundation elements; wooden lattice skirting; smooth stuccoed concrete blocks; concrete steps; concrete light well with metal pipe railing at east elevation.

- -4-light, 3-panel front door, metal pipe railings and non-historic light fixture at front portico at north elevation
- -wood stairs, metal pipe railing and concrete pad at west elevation side porch

- -wood railing at south elevation back porch
- -steps and railing at east elevation porch
- -metal grates at foundation level windows
- -wood ladder at east elevation

INTERIOR: HIGHLY SENSITIVE TO ALTERATION:

- -floor plan; original floor plan very much intact; auditorium partition wall added at time of porch enclosure; auditorium room; converted basement social room
- -original volume and proportions of rooms
- -original ceiling height
- -stairs; wood central hallway stairs; newel post; wooden balusters; basement stairs and railing
- -moldings; baseboards; simple window and door casings; picture railing at top of wall at ceiling; egg and dart molding along main stair newel post
- -interior finishes; plaster walls; plaster ceilings; scored concrete floors in basement; plaster detail over auditorium fireplace showing remnant of Red Cross Insignia
- -interior doors and windows; interior elliptical window at south gable end; arched doorway in partition wall; pair of 4-light doors leading to auditorium
- -hardware; mother-of-pearl button light switches; "occupied" hardware in bathroom stalls; light sconces;
- -unique fixtures or appliances; metal radiators through out the building; fireplace in main auditorium room; toilet in ladies room; soap dish and sink in bathroom

- -projection room and small holes in wall
- 1-panel door, wood dutch door
- suspended fluorescent lights

OVERALL ARCHITECTURAL:

Building 636 retains a very high degree of integrity and except for the porch enclosure, has experienced only a few minor additions over time. The American Red Cross organization probably funded and commissioned the building as a residential-type facility for recuperating soldiers. The building's special details, like the mother-of-pearl switch plates and elegant door frames, reflects a different design intention from traditional army quartermaster buildings. While the building was converted sometime between 1919 and 1939 into a multi-purpose Service Club, much of the building's original character remains.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

In the winter of 1919, the American Red Cross organization and the Commanding Officers at Vancouver Barracks corresponded, discussing the future of the building now that the war was over. The Red Cross stated that they no longer needed the building but argued that it could still be of use to the post. The Army argued that Vancouver Barracks already had a service club for the soldiers and that the small size of the garrison did not warrant a second club. It is inferred from the letters that the Army proposed "mothballing" the building until there were enough soldiers to justify a second service club. Judging from the building's modifications, the garrison finally did reach a size to require a second service club.

It would be interesting to find out more about how the Red Cross designed their Convalescent Houses and if similar designs for this type of building exist on other military bases.

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VANCOUVER BARRACKS PHYSICAL HISTORY REPORT BUILDING INVENTORY

BUILDING NUMBER:

Building 638

NAME:

Infantry Barracks, McLoughlin Road

USE:

historic use as barracks; contemporary use as office space

PLAN TYPE:

two and a half story wood-frame Colonial Revival, H-shaped building with gable roof and front porch

PREVIOUS BLDG NUMBER:

designated Building 90 on a 1904 map

QUARTERMASTER PLAN NUMBER:

75-K

BUILDING CHRONOLOGY:

- 1904 Double Artillery Barracks constructed by Brigham and Hoska for \$66,65.00 to accommodate 122 men on each side of barracks.
- 1905 Quartermaster Form 173A, dated March 1905, describes building as having woodframe wall, slate roof, stone foundation, steam heat and electricity. Installed laundry bibs.
- 1906 Installed 24 windows, 2 doors and transom screens.
- 1910 Installed 270 wall lockers.
- 1911 Installed 2 refrigerators and 44 window shades.
- 1914 Installed electric light fixtures in basement.
- 1930 Replaced 42 oak stair treads; repaired floors at top and foot of stairs; replaced all oak thresholds, cost \$646.60.
- 1931 Installed urinals.
- 1934 Installed Iron Fireman Auto Jr. Coal Burner, cost \$685.00
- 1935 Building designation changed from Double Artillery Barracks to Double Infantry Barracks.

- 1936 Installed toilets, electric light fixtures; rebricked heating plant.
- 1937 Repainted interior and exterior of building; repaired porches.
- 1938 Replaced multi-breaker electrical meter; installed window shades; repaired plumbing and painted exterior.
- 1939 Floor plan showing barracks; basement shows supply rooms, scullery with stairs connecting to upstairs kitchen; latrine and furnace room; 1st floor plan shows squad room, barber shop, cook's room; NCO and orderly rooms; day room connecting to dining room and kitchen in the rear; 2nd floor shows smaller squad room in center, with sleeping quarters for cooks and NCOs and one large open squad room for sleeping quarters; attic is designated as spare room.
- 1939 Installed steam heat boilers.
- 1940 Installed showers, flush cabinets; multi-breaker panels.
- 1941 Installed showers; water heaters; plate mirrors; constructed concrete garage rack; installed 2 large gas ranges.
- 1942 Installed 2 sinks and 2 Magic Chef Ranges.
- 1950 Converted building into office space.
- 1952 Suspended fluorescent lamps installed.
 - Partition walls in previous day rooms and dining rooms on 1st floor; partition walls added in previous open squad room on 2nd floor.
- 19-- Removed kitchen appliances from kitchen.
- 19-- Constructed exterior metal fire escapes.
- 19-- Slate roof shingles removed and replaced with composition roof shingles.
- 19-- Fire damage in attic space.

CHARACTER-DEFINING/SIGNIFICANT FEATURES

EXTERIOR: HIGHLY SENSITIVE TO ALTERATION:

-building form, shape and massing; long rectangular building with two rear projecting wings

- -roof shape and elements; H-shaped roof with symmetrical gables on either side of the north elevations; gable roofs have end returns; 5 corbelled topped brick chimneys; metal roof vents
- -exterior surfaces; horizontal wood bevel siding; exposed roof rafters inside front porch
- -fenestration pattern; 2/2 double-hung, wood-frame windows; 3-light and 6-light transoms; Palladian window of 4-light fixed with 2/2 arched windows and keystone at east and west ends of south elevation; 3/3 double-hung windows at foundation level; 4-light windows at gable ends at north elevation
- -moldings; simple door and window surrounds; picture rail-type molding along inside entablature of front porch; decorative frieze below roof-line
- -doors; single and double 5-panel doors; fleur-de-lis hardware at south elevation; double doors at east elevation
- -porches; front porch at south elevation; thin columns with Doric capitals, metal pipe railing; tongue-and-groove wood flooring; cross-porch railings at north elevation porch
- -foundation elements; rock-faced limestone foundation with thick mortar joints; stone basement stairs at east elevation; underneath porch is exposed at south elevation due to lack of foundation skirting

- -front porch wood staircase on south elevation
- -wood bird houses located at the capitals of the porches' columns
- -asphalt roof shingles
- -black metal fire escapes at west and east elevations
- -blocked vents under windows at north elevations
- -metal security grates over windows at foundation and 1st floor level; obscured replacement glass and window patched over with concrete at west elevation; 2nd floor window at east elevation converted into door for fire escape
- -metal security doors; 30-light door with 2-panels; pair of 15-light door with 2-panels
- -white-washed, random-coursed pedestals at south elevation porch

- -concrete pad at rear porch; concrete stairs, wooden ramp at north elevation
- -non-historic light fixtures at south elevation

INTERIOR: HIGHLY SENSITIVE TO ALTERATION:

- -floor plan; original floor plan still extant; big open rooms on 2nd level; unfinished attic space; intact latrine in basement; urinals, sinks, wash basins -original volume and proportion of rooms;
- -original ceiling height in some areas;
- -stairs; wide wooden staircase with decorative newel posts; turned balusters and drop finials
- -moldings; tall base boards; picture railings; simple door and window casings
- -interior finishes; plaster walls; pressed tin ceilings; exposed cast iron columns; chair rails; vertical wood paneling
- -interior doors and windows; 5-panel doors; 5-light and 6-light transoms;
- -unique fixtures or appliances; air vent ductwork in attic; decorative metal heating grates

- -half doors and metal security doors in basement supply room
- -wood hand rail in B side staircase
- -linoleum floors -wainscoting
- -partition walls
- -suspended fluorescent lights
- -dropped ceilings
- -intact informal shooting range located in the attic

OVERALL ARCHITECTURAL:

Building 638 retains a high level of integrity, despite the few interior and exterior additions. This barracks building, designed from standard army plans, housed two separate companies within one building. The kitchen, mess halls and day rooms were traditionally located on the first floor; the second level contained the open sleeping quarters for the soldiers, with smaller, semi-private sleeping rooms for the officers. The attic was usually the only space where access could be gained to both sides of the building. Traditionally, after World War II, the Army would subdivide the open space found in existing barracks building to create many smaller offices. Building 638, however, contains very few partition walls and they all could be easily removed. The open rooms, like 205 and 206, still offer tremendous space and light. The building's decorative frieze and Palladian windows provide a simple elegance to the exterior.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

The air vent ductwork in the attic contains graffiti from 1916 to the present. The west basement latrine is still intact and care should be taken to preserve and interpret this unique building feature, especially as they are now rare remnants of army life.

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GLOSSARY OF ARCHITECTURAL TERMS

Arch A curved structural member that spans an opening in a wall, usually for an entry or a window.

Architrave The lowest of the three parts of the traditional entablature

Baluster Vertical posts supporting a railing

Balustrade Railing supported by balusters

Bargeboard Heavy structural member set at the overhanging edge of a gable. Often supported by brackets or purlins. Used on 19th Century frame buildings

Battered Column Square columns that are broader at the base than at the top.

Bay Window Window projecting from a wall, usually set with several separate sashes

Board and Batten Vertical siding material made of wide boards and narrow battens covering the joints between the boards

Bracket Triangular projection to support bargeboards or other elements

Cantilever Structural member projecting from an wall and supported only at the inboard end

Capital The top of a column

Casement Window Window which opens by hinging at the side

Clapboards Horizontal siding material made of boards sawn, split, or riven into a shape with one wide edge and one narrow edge. The wide edges overlap the narrow edges at each course.

Classical Revival Nineteenth Century American style which took inspiration from Greek and Roman design.

Colonial Revival Twentieth Century American building style which took inspiration from American colonial design.

Column Structural member providing vertical support

Corbel Masonry set to project from a wall or chimney

Cornice The top element of traditional entablature, projects from a wall as a horizontal band

Cornice Return Cornice wraps around the gable end of a building for a short distance.

Course Horizontal row or masonry or siding material

Dentil Molding A decorative molding made of a horizontal band of blocks spaced evenly

Dormer A structural element that projects outward from a roof plane. Dormers can be gable framed, shed framed, hip framed, gambrel framed, or fitted with a curved roof.

Double-hung Window Window composed of two by-passing sashes that move vertically

Eave The side of a gable roof that presents a straight edge to the viewer, as opposed to the gable end, which presents a triangle

Entablature Decorative band at the top of a wall consisting of the cornice at the top, the frieze in the middle, and the architrave at the bottom. Associated with Classical Revival design.

Facade The front wall of at building, intended for public view

Fanlight Fixed window with panes arranged in a semicircle or fan shape

Fluting Shallow decorative grooves running vertical in parallel arrangement.

Frieze Middle part of en entablature

Gable The edge of a gabled roof that presents a triangle to the viewer

Gabled Roof A roof shaped like and upside-down V

Gambrel Roof A gabled roof with the rafters divided into two elements, so that ther roof has four planes

Hipped Roof A roof with four gable ends, all sloping inwards to meet at an apex or apical ridge

Italianate Nineteenth Century American style which took inspiration from Italian building elements.

Lintel Structural element providing a horizontal connection between vertical posts

Mansard Roof A roof with divided rafter planes, like a gambrel roof, but twith the second rafter plane close to vertical.

Molding A decorative band used as trim

Mullion Wooden member dividing panels or window sashes in a window or door

Muntin Wooden member dividing panes of glass in a sash or door

Newel Post Wooden post at the end of a bannister

Orders Design schemes from Classical architecture, including Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian from Greece, and Tuscan and Composite from Rome. In modern buildings, the capitals are the most distinctive elements from the Classical orders.

Palladian Window Window design with a larger central window and two smaller flanking windows covered by a fourth, arched window

Parapet A wall around the roof line on a building with a flat roof.

Pediment Treatment of a building's gable end to create a triangle.

Pilaster A column divided in half longitudinally, set against a wall as a decorative element.

Pitch The degree of slope on the rafter plane of a roof

Portico A roofed porch or covered walkway art the entry of a building

Rafter Structural element that is the horizontal framing member of a roof. Rafters extend from the ridge or apex of the roof to the top of the building's walls.

Sash A window unit, made of one or more glass panes. Sashes are assembled into more complex window arrangements, like bay windows, casement windows, double hung windows, etc.

Siding Wooden material covering the exterior of a frame building. Siding is available in many patterns, either vertical or horizontal

Sill Bottom of a door or window, also a timber used in lieu of a masonry foundation on temporary structures like cantonments.

Surround Molding or trib around a door or window

Transom Window set above a door

Water table A horizontal band dividing the foundation from the wall of a building

Weatherboard Siding A siding material similar to bevel siding or clapboard